GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXECUTION OF INDIANS IN SAUDI ARABIA
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in most of the cases Indian missions in Saudi Arabia comes to know of the executions of Indians on charges of drug trafficking only after the event;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representations from any quarter in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Representations are received from the relatives seeking information about the arrest, trial and execution of the Indian nationals on charges of drug trafficking.

(c) The need for consular access to individuals after their arrest on charges of drug trafficking, greater transparency in judicial proceedings and imprisonment rather than execution have been strongly recommended to the Saudi authorities.